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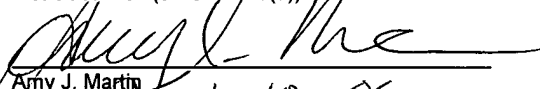
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Official Action of August 10, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this response.